

## AWI NEWS

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**Recommendation of ABAC's Sustainability Development Working Group  
- February 12, 2009**

Richard Drobnick, MD of AWI, attended the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) held in Wellington, New Zealand, on 9 – 12 February 2009. Appended below are excerpts from the recommendations of the ABAC Sustainability Development Working Group following the Meeting:

# 24. "Mr Richard Drobnick, Managing Director from the APRU World Institute (AWI), presented to the group on the Institute's upcoming research projects on Climate Change and Public Health. Mr Drobnick outlined that ABAC can assist the Institute on its projects in three ways: 1) recruit business participants to participate in surveys 2) ABAC as a vehicle to assist in publicising and disseminating AWI's work 3) ABAC as a vehicle to assist AWI in policy recommendations to senior officials and leaders resulting from its studies and research." \*

# 25. "The Chairman agreed that ABAC establish a relationship with AWI and the Institute work with the Secretariat to contact members regarding their participation and interest in their upcoming projects."

\* Note: "Senior Officials" are the ambassadors from the 21 APEC economies who have national responsibilities for APEC activities. "Leaders" are the presidents and prime ministers of the 21 APEC economies.

**Stanford University hosts Second AWI Public Health Research Project Meeting**

The AWI Public Health Research Project is an outgrowth of the 1st and 2nd AWI Public Health Workshops hosted by [Peking University in 2007](#) and [University of Tokyo in 2008](#) respectively. Participants had expressed their wish to come together in research collaboration so as to bring their collective expertise and capabilities to bear on significant Public Health issues facing the Asia Pacific region.

[More Information](#)**New Appointment of Professor Jim Falk**

AWI's Climate Change Director, [Professor Jim FALK](#), has been appointed by the United Nations University - Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) to join the UNU-IAS as a Visiting Professor from 16 March 2009 for a period of three years. The UNU-IAS tackles key sustainability issues of global concern - particularly those on the UN agenda such as climate change and the loss of biodiversity. The UNU-IAS Visiting Professorship is offered only to eminent scholars in their individual fields, whose intellectual strength and wisdom can stimulate reflection on the pressing global issues of our time and assist its research and capacity development. Prof Falk is also currently the Convener of the [Climate Adaptation Science and Policy Initiative](#) at the University of Melbourne.